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Here's what Jeff P. told Leah re: how we would be addressing her comment.

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Date: 11/16/2012 12:53 PM  
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This is what I sent to Leah on October 16th.

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Hi Leah,

Sorry for the delay in responding to you.

We will be issuing an errata sheet for the report at the end of the public input period. In that errata sheet we plan on addressing your letter with this entry.

**Section I. Introduction, fourth paragraph** is changed as follows:

In October 2008, the *Yakima Herald Republic* ran a series of articles titled "Hidden Wells, Dirty Water" that examined a long history of groundwater contamination affecting public and private drinking water wells, primarily in the Lower Yakima Valley. The reporter sent a letter ***asking "Would EPA consider invoking emergency authority under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act to address the problem?"*** Section 1431 (42 U.S.C. § 300i) authorizes EPA to take action when, among other things, a contaminant is present or may enter a public water system or underground source of drinking water that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health.

We would be happy to include a comment in the record (along with the other comments that we receive on the report of the study) if you would like to provide such a comment clarifying your intent in relation to your 2008 letter to EPA.

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Mark Macintyre---11/13/2012 07:38:33 AM---Worth Reading.....will monitor and advise.....MM -----  
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Worth Reading.....will monitor and advise.....MM  
Eric Winiecki

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Let's. Tom, when are you available? I couldn't find any open time on your calendar next week.  
**Sheila**

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Marie Jennings---11/09/2012 03:36:26 PM---Let's Discuss. Thanks! S. Marie Jennings Manager,  
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Let's Discuss. Thanks!

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Ms. Jennings.

Please see the attached letter. I am mailing off a signed hard copy of it  
today.

If have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Regards,

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